

**MINUTES OF THE WOODHALL SPA PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, STANHOPE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Councillors: D Clarke (Chairman), T Clapton, M Williams, L Sisley, R Sanderson and A Hunter

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors: J Frost, S Williams, A Wilson and S Phelan. A Bushell (Parish Clerk)

9957 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WITH REASON GIVEN

All Planning Committee members were present. Apologies were received from Cllr I Clarke.

9958 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared in matters on the agenda.

9959 REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS FOR A DISPENSATION ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no requests for dispensations.

9960 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER TO BE SENT TO ELDC REGARDING CONCERNS OVER THE PLANNED GROWTH OF THE VILLAGE AS A RESULT OF THE EMERGING LOCAL PLAN

Councillors were reminded that it had been agreed that full council would approve the letter before it was sent to ELDC, so there would be an item on next week's Parish Council meeting agenda to do that and the intention would be to approve the letter agreed at this meeting, but not have a lengthy debate about it. If the full council was not happy with the letter then it would refer it back to the Planning Committee to re-write.

The meeting considered a draft letter which contained points raised at previous planning committee and full council meetings, and councillors discussed what the Parish Council was trying to achieve by writing to ELDC.

After a lengthy debate it was agreed that the letter would:

- Ask ELDC if it had a vision for how the village infrastructure would look in 15 years time and ask it to explain its vision, and how Section 106 agreements deliver the vision
- Challenge if the settlement figure was a minimum or a target
- Ask how ELDC would view planning application in respect of material harm once the settlement figure had been reached
- Query the lack of responses for statutory consultees and how ELDC proceed when there is no response or request for a Section 106 agreement

The Chairman had suggested 6 questions to ask ELDC and these would be incorporated into the letter along with others suggested at the meeting. The Parish Council hoped to receive a formal response from ELDC which answered all the questions raised.

The Clerk was asked to draft the letter and e-mail it to councillors so that it could be considered at the Parish Council meeting on 17th January.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm.